

Plainville Public Schools

17% BUDGET REDUCTIONS IN FY21 AND IMPACT ON LOCAL SCHOOLS

Summary of Positions Eliminated or Reduced

- Seven (7) classroom teaching positions – one at each grade level K-6
- Two (2) social-emotional/special education positions
- One (1) psychologist and the sole student assistance counselor
- Two (2) specialist positions – one (1) each in art and music
- Library/Media Specialist position
- Instrumental Music Teacher position
- Twelve (12) academic support positions – all four (4) tutors and eight (8) paraprofessionals

Summary of Positions Eliminated or Reduced

- Planned science position
- Curriculum support positions
- Sole Computer Technician position
- One (1) custodial position
- All five (5) lunch supervisor positions
- Reduced hours in the district's business office

Impact on Local Schools

- Our class size totals, which are currently on par with Wrentham and Norfolk, will grow by 5 to 6 students per class with class sizes in grades 5 and 6 at approximately 30 students per class given a reduction of seven (7) classroom positions.
- Our ability to provide both academic and social-emotional support at all grade levels will be severely compromised through the elimination of four (4) additional teaching positions, including a psychologist and student assistance counselor, four (4) tutors and eight (8) paraprofessionals.
- Our specialist programs (art, music and library) will also be severely compromised or eliminated.
- Our band and chorus programs at Wood School will be eliminated.

Impact on Local Schools

- Our plans to ensure full implementation of the state's new science standards will be at the very least postponed by the elimination of the planned science position.
- Our ability to remain in compliance with state standards in all areas, including newly released social studies standards, will be put on “the back burner” through the elimination of all curriculum-related positions.
- Our ability to respond in a timely manner to student and staff technology needs will be severely compromised through the elimination of one sole computer technician position.
- Our diminished ability to provide student support due to the elimination of tutors and paraprofessionals will be further diminished because those remaining will need to be pulled from classrooms in order to supervise lunch periods, for one-third of each school day.

Impact Statement from Superintendent

As a superintendent for the past twenty-one (21) years and an educator with forty-five (45) years of experience and someone who has worked in two (2) districts that have endured multiple difficult, financial times, this situation is by far worse than any I have seen; but what concerns me most is that this is the first time I envision the possibility of providing students with a much lower quality program than students before them have received.